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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS AND DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS OF NEW
SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION

REFS: A. STATE 231122; B. STATE 231123

1. AS REQUESTED REFTELS, EMBOFF DELIVERED TEXTS OF SECTIONS
OF NEW SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION RELATING TO HUMAN
RIGHTS AND DISCRIMINATION, UNDER COVER OF THIRD-PERSON
NOTE, TO FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF UNITED STATES
AFFAIRS CARLOS GARAY ON SEPTEMBER 30.

2. GARAY'S ONLY REACTION TO SECTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WAS
REMARK THAT THIS WAS DOUBTLESS INSPIRED BY CHILEAN
EXAMPLE. REGARDING DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS,
GARAY ASKED IF THERE ACTUALLY HAD BEEN SUCH DISCRIMINATION,
AS HE FOUND IT INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT ANY RECIPIENT
COUNTRY SHOULD SEEK TO DO THIS AND FELT U.S. LEGISLATION
WAS QUITE JUSTIFIED AND EXTREMELY SENSIBLE IF ANY HAD
TRIED. HE OPINED WITH A SMILE THAT IT WAS DOUBTFUL IF
IT WERE A PROBLEM ANYWHERE IN LATIN AMERICA, SINCE TO
MOST LATINS ONE AMERICAN INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM WAS ABOUT
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THE SAME AS ANY OTHER.

3. REGARDING ONE-TIME REPORT REQUESTED PARA 11 REF B;
EMBASSY KNOWS OF ABSOLUTELY NO DISCRIMINATORY POLICIES
OR PRACTICES ON PART OF GOP WITH REGARD TO U.S.
PERSONS ENGAGED IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE SALES OR
TRANSACTIONS, NOR DO WE KNOW OF ANY CASE IN WHICH SUCH
DISCRIMINATION HAS EVER TAKEN PLACE. COMUSMILGROUP CONCURS.
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